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SUBJECT: CODEL SMITH: ARRIVAL STATEMENTS MARRAKECH

1. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF ARRIVAL STATEMENT BY THE
HONORABLE NEAL SMITH (D, IOWA) IN MARRAKECH JANUARY 14
AND ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TRANSLATION OF FRENCH OF REPLY BY BY AHMED
LASKY, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE MOROCCAN PARLIAMENT AND RANKING
MOROCCAN OFFICIAL IN MARRAKECH FOR CODEL SMITH.

2. BEGIN TEXT SMITH ARRIVAL STATEMENT:
MR. PRESIDENT LASKY, GOVERNOR TARIK, AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED
OFFICIALS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: IT IS INDEED A DISTINCT
PLEASURE AND A GREAT HONOR FOR MY COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF TO
BE ABLE TO VISIT YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY. WE IN THE AMERICAN
CONGRESS ARE, OF COURSE, DEEPLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT
THE EVOLVING ELECTED INSTITUTIONS OF MOROCCO AND IN GETTING
TO KNOW OUR COUNTERPARTS IN THE MOROCCAN PARLIAMENT, WHICH
HAS NOW COMPLETED ITS INITIAL SESSION WITH SUCCESS.
WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD IN PARTICULAR TO OUR MEETING
WITH HIS EXCELLENCY DEY OULD SIDI BABA, PRESIDENT OF
THE PARLIAMENT, WHO HAS KINDLY INVITED US TO MEET WITH
HIM AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT. IT IS MOST
FITTING THAT THESE MEETINGS TAKE PLACE AT THIS TIME
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WHEN MOROCCO AND THE UNITED STATES ARE ENTERING INTO
THEIR THIRD CENTURY OF UNBROKEN FRIENDLY RELATIONS.
THIS VISIT WILL ENABLE US TO STRENGTHEN ANOTHER INSTI-
TUTIONAL TIE -- ONE BETWEEN THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND
THE MOROCCAN PARLIAMENT WHICH WILL HELP US GUARANTEE
MANY MORE CENTURIES OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP. THANK YOU.
END TEXT SMITH ARRIVAL STATEMENT.

3. BEGIN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TEXT LASKY REPLY:

I WOULD LIKE TO TELL OUR FIRENDS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HOW HAPPY WE ARE TO RECEIVE THEM IN MOROCCO, AND IN MARRAKECH IN PARTICULAR AS THEIR FIRST POINT OF CONTACT WITH OUR COUNTRY. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO THEM "WELCOME" AND TO TELL THEM HOW PROUD THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARLIAMENT ARE TO SEE OUR COUNTRY AND OUR PARLIAMENT IN PARTICULAR RECEIVING THE VISIT OF OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS. WE ARE ESPECIALLY PROUD TO RECEIVE CONGRESSMEN WHO ARE SO WELL-VERSED IN THE PARLIAMENTARIAN FUNCTION THAT WE HAVE INITIATED IN OUR COUNTRY. WE HOPE THAT OUR PARLIAMENT WILL BE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, WHICH HAS BECOME A WORLDWIDE SYMBOL OF LIBERTY, DIGNITY AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. I THANK YOU FOR HAVING PUT MOROCCO ON YOUR ITINERARY AND I HOPE YOU WILL COME BACK TO MROCCO FOR LONGER VISITS OF FRIENDSHIP AND TOURISM DURING WHICH YOU WILL HAVE A BETTER CHANGE TO APPRECIATE THOSE SAME HUMAN QUALITIES, THOSE QUALITIES OF LIBERTY, FRIEDNSHIP AND DIGNITY WHICH ARE THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THIS IDENTITY BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLE HAS BROUGHT ABOUT THIS FRIENDSHIP OF TWO CENTURIES, WHICH YOU REFER TO, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT IS A FRIENDSHIP WHICH NOW BEGINS ITS THIRD CENTURY AND WE IN MROCCO WANT IT TO BE ETERNAL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. END TEXT LASKY REPLY.
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